

Soviet Troops in the South-Ural MD

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Town	Date of information	Installation	Location	Occupation	Remarks
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UFA (54°43'N/ 56°00'E)	July to December 1948	Military quarters (one three-story brick building, about 330x65 feet, with about 50 rooms, a former factory building)	In the city area, in a park border- ing on a sta- dium	"Division" headquarters with a personnel of 80 to 100, mostly officers wearing red-banded visor- type caps and epaulets with golden stripes, armed with pistols. Sentries carried long rifles. The following units were sub- ordinate to the headquar- ters: Unit of about 500 men in ALKINO, about 25 miles west of UFA. I and II Bns of a unit in OCTOBER TOWN (54°27'N/ 53°23'E)(sic). The building was occupied in December 1948.	
CHERNIKOVSK (54-48N/ 56-07E)	October 1948 to March 1949	Quarters	Unidentified	The activation of an "en- gineer division" in CHERNI- KOVSK started in the Summer of 1948. In December 1948, the division had three regi- ments, each with three bat- tallions, including one bat- talion of PWs. On 25 De- cember 1948, the PW battalion was replaced by an newly ac- tivated battalion of about 1,000 recruits. The PWs were then still employed in road construction work, etc. The regiment to which source was assigned, was designated [redacted] and armed with carbines and machine guns.	

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OCTOBER TOWN (54°27'N/ 53°23'E)	1948 to No- vember 1949		1. Military quar- ters (six canton- ment buildings. -eight earth bun- kers, one garage)	About 1½ miles east of the town	A unit of about 800 men wearing red epau- lets was stationed in the town in late Novem- ber 1949. The unit was repeatedly observed training recruits and holding field practices (attack en masse, pene- tration of enemy lines by small groups, defense). The troops were equipped with submachine guns, rapid-fire rifles and hand grenades. It was be- lieved to be a recruit training unit from the type of training and the frequent exchange of personnel. Trucks	Soviet soldiers said the unit belonged to the "1st Road Con- struction Div"

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Detached briefly  
to TUIMAZI (54°35'N/  
53°35'E)

Road construction  
work

2. Supply depot  
(four two-story  
buildings, wire  
fence with watch  
towers)

SE of the  
military  
quarters

The PWs were assigned to  
the 73rd and the 665th Bns  
for road construction work  
in June 1949.

Storage of summer and winter  
uniforms. About 20 trucks  
hauled clothes to and from  
the depot on five or six  
days each Fall and Spring.

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OCTOBER TOWN 1947 to  
(cont'd) August 1949



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1. Cantonment

About 3 1/2 miles north of OCTOBER TOWN and 3 miles south of road station

Two labor battalions designated I and II. Some of the soldiers had been PAs in Germany, others were recruits. They were armed with rifles and submachine guns and employed in the construction of roads, bridges and important industrial installations. The "labor headquarters" was subordinate to a "labor division" in UFA.

told that he was employed in the construction of quarters (eight brick buildings, 115x40 feet, slanting roof) between OCTOBER TOWN and URUSU from October to December 1948. The buildings were occupied immediately upon completion. More than 1,000 recruits arrived on 1 October 1948 and started with basic infantry training at once.

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2. The cantonment building

Town area

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1. Cantonment

Southeastern town sector, near the Concrete Zavod

Horse-drawn infantry with the designation "I/566", subordinate to an UFA division headquarters with a two-digit numerical designation (a lieutenant colonel repeatedly arrived for inspections). The unit wore dark red epaulets with the crossed rifle insignia. Its officers had been assigned to the unit for punishment. Older personnel up to the 1923 class were discharged in the Spring of 1948 and replaced by 800 recruits who had been

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(C) that, while painting military quarters between 1948 and April 1949, he observed the following units in OCTOBER TOWN: a. Soviet construction staff, commanded by a colonel, composed of 1,000 to 2,000 recruits who were quartered at various places in town. The recruits wore red epaulets, received basic

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inducted in the Fall of 1947. The personnel of the unit constructed houses and roads and controlled and managed PW camps. One company was stationed at the **URUSSU** railroad station to guard and operate petroleum installations.

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b. Headquarters, allegedly regimental headquarters, of an engineer construction unit, located near the bitumen plant in the northern town sector. About 100 officers and EM belonged to the headquarters.

## 2. Military quarters

On the new road between OCTOBER TOWN and URUSSU

Construction battalion "II/566", there up to the Spring of 1948, transferred to the Caucasus Mts.

labor company was quartered near the bitumen plant in October 1948. Maj RIEHIRSKI was military post commander of OCTOBER TOWN.

## 3. Quarters

"Motor vehicle base", SW of the OCTOBER TOWN railroad station

Motorized unit of one company, equipped with about 30 trucks, employed in the hauling of materials.

## 4. Military quarters

Hauled material and led horses to a vaccination point

NE of TUIMAZY railroad station

Motorized unit of one company. About 20 trucks of the unit were detached to Unit "I/566". About 1,000 recruits arrived in TUIMAZY in October 1948.

## 5. Military quarters

East of the TUIMAZY railroad station

Division veterinary hospital with two veterinary officers. Horses were vaccinated there.

TUIMAZY  
(54°36'N/  
53°35'E)

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TUIMAZY (cont'd)	1948 to March 1949	25X1X	Cantonment (about 10 wooden cantonment buildings, 115x23 feet, one ration supply store room, one garage)	About 1,000 feet east of the town peri- meter and ab- out 650 feet south of the new road to TUIMAZY	Recruit training unit of about 1,200 recruits and 100 instruction per- sonnel. Troops were blue- bordered red epaulets with the crossed-rifle insignia. They were armed with long rifles and submachine guns. Basic infantry training was observed. Recruits were trained from October 1948 to March 1949 and then shipped in small groups to various military posts.	
ALKINO (about 25 miles west of UFA and 2 miles north of the UFA- TUIMAZY railroad line)	1947 to May 1948	25X1X	Military quarters (three two-story brick buildings, about 230x65 feet, garages and work- shop)	Unidentified	Motorized infantry unit of about 800 troops, in- cluding many recruits. The unit was equipped with long rifles, submachine guns, skis and at least 30 trucks. It was under a division headquarters in UFA. Troops held drill practices, firing practices and drivers' training. The unit was trained for winter activities.	
CHEL'YABINSK (56°07'N/ 61-24E)	1945 to June 1948	25X1X	Military quarters (four cantonment buildings, one large building)	Northern city perimeter	Tank unit of about 200 men, designated "tank school". About 40 tanks were in the billeting area. Troops were trained for six months and, when leaving the school, re- ceived black epaulets with golden braids.	when on Spartakovskaya Street in March 1949, he observed a barracks of several three-story buildings. More than 50 T34 tanks were parked in the open near the barracks.

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CHEL'YABINSK (cont'd)	1946 to May 1948		Military quarters (three wooden can- tonment buildings, about 40x230 feet)	Northern city perimeter	Tank unit. 52 canvas- covered heavy tanks were seen on a parking lot. The unit went in a northeasterly direction when leaving for field practices.	
	October 1948		Barracks (three- story brick build- ing, about 330 feet long, with inner yard)	Eastern city exit, near the Trans- siberian railroad line	School for tank officers. Personnel wore tank insignia on their epaulets. They were repeatedly trained with T34 tanks.	
UFAL'EI (55°51'N/ 60°00'E)	Until October 1947		Barracks (high board fence)	Unidentified	Tank unit with which heavy tanks were observed.	
MAGNITOGORSK (53°27'N/ 59°08'E)	August 1949	25X1X	Military quarters (three three-story brick buildings)	Village of PLATINA, about 3 1/2 miles SE of MAGNITOGORSK, near a rail- line leading to a reser- voir	Two shipments, each of 600 to 900 young men, arrived in PLATINA in mid-August 1949. The men were issued uniforms and quartered in tents and a building which was previously a PW hospital. An incoming shipment of 20 to 30 AA guns of about 80 mm caliber and 20 to 30 trucks was observed. Troops received basic infantry training. The guns were parked near a lime works. <b>Soviets</b> said that an AAA school was in PLATINA.	25X1
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CHEKALOV (51°45'N/ 55°10'E)	1947 to March 1949		1. Barracks	City center	Horse-drawn artillery unit with 120 to 150- mm guns, observed when returning to the barracks	25X1X an artillery barracks was in the city center near a foundry in March 1949.

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CHKALOV (cont'd)			2. Barracks	Southeastern city peri- meter	Tanks were in front of the building which was called "Tank Barracks" by fellow PWs	
	1945 to January 1949	25X1X [redacted]	1. Barracks	Southeastern city sector, near a jail, about 3,300 feet from the Ural River	Called "AT Artillery Barracks". Units from this barracks in strength of one platoon, equipped with four 76.2-mm guns, were repeatedly seen moving through the city. Most of the guns were motorized, some were horse-drawn.	25X1X [redacted] he observed a cadet school in an old barracks in the city area and a tank school on the city perimeter in mid-1948
			2. Barracks (one building)	City center, SW of Red Square	"Artillery School". Two guns were in the yard.	
			3. Barracks (old building)	Opposite the Artillery School	"Cadet School" Cadets were 10 to 14 years of age and wore black trousers with two red strips or olive-drab breeches with boots	